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Minutes 01/21/2008

SNAC meeting minutes – January 21, 2008

Town Hall Annex meeting room, 1st floor
 7-8:20pm

Attendees:

SNAC- Michele Barry, BethAnn Friedman, Lisa Lazarczyk, Katie Kinnecom

DTR- Kevin Nigro

Minutes from the 12/10/07 meeting were amended and approved.

Kevin Nigro's update- Demolition progress is moving faster than anticipated. All abatement work of non-concealed/accessible hazardous material is complete in the hospital and nurses building. Several panels of asbestos remain in the South/North buildings and the plan to remove them was approved by DEP. There is onsite dust and air monitoring by Blackstone Engineering with an asbestos detector, and as of yet they have not detected airborne asbestos.

Noise monitoring- Lisa asked Kevin if there was noise monitoring in addition to the dust/air monitoring. Kevin will have a response by the next SNAC meeting. Also, Kevin mentioned that the site superintendent is aware of the noise and will strategically place the rock crusher away from the project property lines to dampen sound for neighbors closely abutting property.

Rodent control- Is ongoing and reportedly limited activity was found in bait boxes at the time of demolition (3 boxes). Michele reminded us of Jeanne's report at the last SNAC meeting in which rodent control needs to be monitored 300 feet from the site of demolition. John Greeley told Michele that if neighbors have rodent activity, they need to contact him directly.

Snow storage- The Town of Arlington was approved to store snow at a parking lot on the site. Michele will alert the Symmes list.

Surveys- The blaster is likely to be contracted between March and April at which point surveys will go out to affected neighbors. Michele would like information on how people that aren't slated for surveys can pay for their own. Kevin will follow up at the next SNAC meeting.

Parking on site if medical facility isn't built- Beth Ann brought up the potential parking issue once the site is complete. This is a concern for neighbors because any overflow from Arlington 360 will impact neighboring streets. As this item was on Michele's list of concerns that was presented to the JPI reps (Doug Manz and Mike Salguero), Kevin and John Greeley will handle this.

Permanent fence line – Beth Ann asked if the ARB approved JPI's permanent fencing plan on property lines. Kevin suggested the SNAC keeps an open line of communication with JPI to review final landscape plans for the fence.

Symmes Woods Management- Through previous SNAC member Joe Curro, Michele received an email from Clarissa Rowe regarding the proposal for the Symmes Woods and Edges Management Plan. The proposal will be reviewed by 2 people from SNAC (Michele and BethAnn), and 1 representative from JPI, ACC, ALT and an arborist/forester by 3/15/08.

The project purpose states that the SNAC, Arlington Land Trust (ALT), JPI and Arlington Conversation Commission (ACC) are seeking proposals for the Forest Inventory and Forest Management Plan.

- Description: Symmes Woods/Edges bounded by Summer Street and Hospital Road and includes 9 acres. Work includes an inventory/assessment of existing conditions and a plan for maintaining and improving the health of the area and for "ensuring their perpetual effectiveness as habitat, buffer and public green space."

- Credentials: Proposer shall be a certified arborist or forester and shall have at least 10 years of urban forestry work

- Method: The contractor will assess the context of the property through discussions with SNAC, ALT and ACC and hold three community meetings for input. The 1st meeting will be with SNAC to hear their short/long term goals for the land.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next SNAC meeting will be held on 2/18 at 7pm, location TBA. Minutes for the next meeting was not determined.